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SUBJECT: ROYG APPROACHED TO FREEZE IRAQI ASSETS

REF: A. STATE 75235

[1](#)B. STATE 74249

During 3/24 meeting with Abdul-Salam Al-Awadi, Chief of MFA's Americas Office, DCM solicited ROYG cooperation in identifying, freezing, and ultimately transferring Iraqi government funds for the benefit of the people of Iraq (ref B). Awadi took note of the request and indicated he would refer it to decision-making levels of the ROYG. He asked for clarification on whether this action would affect Iraqi government accounts, Iraqi civilian accounts, or both. DCM reiterated that our request pertained solely to Iraqi government accounts. Awadi had no information on the accuracy of reftel's cited figure for Iraqi assets in Yemen (\$23.45 million) per 6/91 declaration to the UN.

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